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THE Advance is on the right track when it says that Hidalgo needs telephone connection with Brownsville. Brownsville needs telephone connection with Hidalgo also. It ought to be possible to accomplish this improvement. As the Advance says, it ought to require very little capital to connect Hidalgo with the system which already includes a number of prominent ranches in Hidalgo county.

THESE are the days of improvement and progress on the lower Rio Grande. The realization of the many great things that THE HERALD has so long been predicting for this section is already beginning, and the near future will witness the full development of the great possibilities which have been lying dormant here for all time, only awaiting the magic touch of capital and energy. The wonderful lower Rio Grande country is coming into its own at last.

Just to gain an idea as to how the money goes these times, just read the following item from the Fort Worth Star: "Governor Campbell sits at the wheel and steers the ship of state for twelve months—then heaves the anchor, steps up to the pay roll and receipts for \$4,000. The county attorney of Travis county grabs the tail end of the antitrust kite, floats around ten days after the harvester trust—then heaves a compromise in conjunction with the attorney general's department and banks \$5,286 as his share of the gate receipts. And there you are."

### Peanuts and Prosperity.

Within the past year the peanut industry has come into the limelight and the plain "goober patch" has taken on the dignity of "peanut plantation." It requires a long time to rouse the people on some things and this modest article of commerce which has heretofore served its purpose, in the main, by supplying stock feed on farms—save one or two states that have supplied the market for parching purpose—now develops into a money crop of large proportions with little danger of overdoing the thing.

The New York Sun makes this observation on the crop:

"The peanut acreage in this country increased 150 per cent and production 233 per cent between 1890 and 1900. There are under cultivation now 517,000 acres, producing 11,905,000 bushels. The crop is concentrated in a few Southern states, Virginia supplying one-third of it, North Carolina another third."

The peanut imports for this year are valued at \$500,000 and the exports at \$300,000, or an excess of imports of \$200,000. Why import any when Texas alone could easily raise enough to supply the world?

Van Zandt has thousands of acres of soil admirably adapted to peanut culture and the Chronicle will endeavor to collect all the information possible concerning the industry as an encouragement and aid to our farmers in taking hold of the work of raising peanuts on an extensive scale. We would be pleased to see 5,000 acres planted to peanuts in this county next year.—Wills Point Chronicle.

### Wanted

There appear to be openings in life, after all, for the younger female generation of the smart set. We see in a Scotch paper the advertisement:

Fish Trade—Wanted—Girl accustomed to smoking.

Nothing is said about playing bridge, but we suppose that would be a help, too.

## THE OLDEST CITY.

Damascus, Seen by Saul of Tarsus, is Still in Existence.

If you were suddenly asked to name the oldest city in the world which is still in a flourishing condition, what would be your answer?

In nine cases out of ten the person to whom such a query might be propounded would hark back to Egypt, Greece or Rome. He would be wrong. The oldest city in the world is Damascus.

Tyre and Sidon have crumbled on the shore, Baalbec is a ruin, Palmyra is buried in a desert, and Nineveh and Babylon have disappeared from the Tigris and the Euphrates. Damascus remains what it was before the days of Abraham—a center of trade and travel—an island of verdure in the desert, "a presidential capital" with martial and sacred associations extending through thirty centuries.

It was near Damascus that Saul of Tarsus saw the light above the brightness of the sun. The street which is called Strait, in which it was said "he prayed," still runs through the city.

The city which Mohammed surveyed from a neighboring height and was afraid to enter "because it was given to man to have but one paradise, and for his part he was resolved not to have it in this world," is today what Julian called the "Eye of the East," as it was in the time of Isaiah "the head of Syria."

From Damascus came the damson, our blue plums, and the delicious apricot of Portugal called damasco; damask, our beautiful fabric of cotton and silk, with vines and flowers raised upon a smooth, bright ground; the damask rose introduced into England in the time of Henry VIII.; the Damascus blade, so famous, the world over for its keen edge and wonderful elasticity, the secret of whose manufacture was lost when Tamerlane carried the artist into Persia, and that beautiful art of inlaying wood and steel with gold and silver, a kind of mosaic engraving and sculpture united, called damaskeening, with which boxes, bureaus and swords are ornamented.—Scrap Book.

### Napoleon's Arithmetic.

Napoleon used to make mistakes in figures, absolute and positive as arithmetic has to be. He could have worked out the most complicated mathematical problems, and yet he could rarely total up a sum correctly. It is fair to add that these errors were not always made without intention. For example, in calculating the number of men who were to make up his battalions, regiments or divisions, he always used to increase the sum total. One can hardly believe that in doing so he wanted to deceive himself, but he often thought it useful to exaggerate the strength of his armies. It was no use pointing out any mistake of this kind. He refused to admit it and obstinately maintained his voluntary arithmetical error.—Memoirs Baron de Meneval.

### It Wasn't Crape.

When Opie Read was editor of the Arkansas Traveler one of the best reporters on the paper died, and his death was greatly mourned by the editorial staff. A visitor to the office on the day of the funeral found the editor and his staff talking about their loss disconsolately. "It has been a sad loss, friends," the visitor said, "a sad loss indeed." He sighed and looked about the room. "And I am pleased to see," he went on, "that you commemorate the melancholy event by hanging up crape." Opie Read frowned. "Crape," he said. "Where do you see any crape?" "Over there," said the visitor, pointing. "Crape be hanged!" said Read. "That isn't crape. That's the office towel!"

### Squaring the Circle.

The oldest mathematical book in the world, which dates some 4,000 years back and which was written in Egypt, contains a rule for squaring the circle. The rule given is to shorten the diameter by a ninth, and on the line so obtained to construct a square. And this, though far from being exact, is near enough for most practical purposes. Mathematicians have long been convinced that the solution was impossible, but it is only in recent years that they were able to demonstrate this. A German professor named Landmann published in 1882 a demonstration, which was accepted by the scientific world as satisfactory.

### Phrenology.

Science by its anatomical spokesmen has long since exploded the attractive but fallacious creed of the phrenologist. It is now well known that no cranium, not even that which inclosed the mighty intellect of Sophocles, reveals on its outer aspect any certain signs of the cerebral development within it. The inner table alone expresses in its form the characters of its evolution.—London Lancet.

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### Low Rates.

Houston Carnival and Intercoastal Waterways Convention. The St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railroad will make a low rate of \$13.10 Brownsville to Houston and return for the Carnival and the Intercoastal Waterways Convention. Tickets will be on sale for all trains from Sunday, Nov. 3, to Nov. 8th, and will be good to return on any train to November 10th.

The ticket office will be open at Brownsville for the sale of tickets the day before the excursions leave, and passengers are advised to purchase tickets the day before to avoid disappointment on the morning of the excursions when a rush sometimes occurs.

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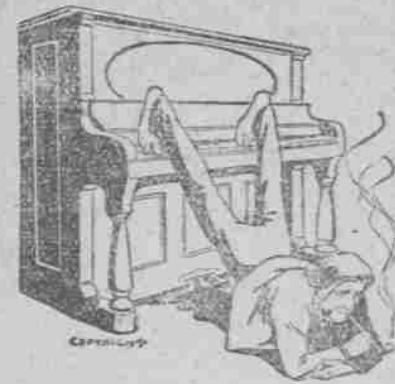
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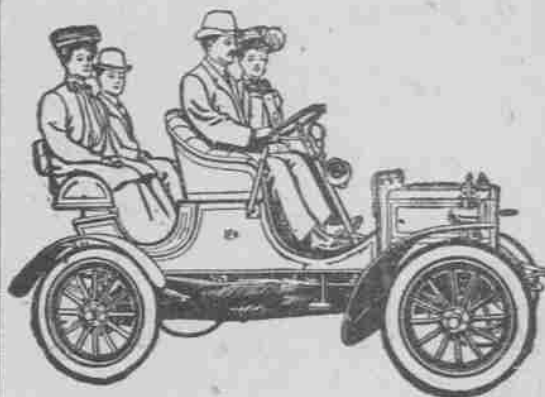
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